GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
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WELFARE OF SCHEDULED CASTES IN PUNJAB
BHAN SINGH BHAURA

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent for the welfare of Scheduled Castes in Punjab under Ninth FiveYear Plan in various Union Government schemes;

(b) whether the Government propose to enhance the allocation of funds during the Tenth Five Year Plan for this purpose;

(c) if so, the details of the proposals; and

(d) the fund allocated in present financial year and the amount released so far?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

(a) During Ninth Five Year Plan, Rs. 61.17 crores has been released under differentschemes of the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment for the welfare of Scheduled Castes in Punjab.

(b) to (d) Release of funds for welfare of Scheduled Castes in the Tenth Plan is expected tobe higher than that in the Ninth Plan period. The allocations are not made statewise under these schemes but access of funds by the States depends on receipt of proposals and proper utilization of the funds released earlier. Rs. 14.51 lakhs has been released during the current financial year.